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## PART-VII

### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

#### NOTIFICATION

The 24th October, 2014.

**No HPL 08/2013/117 – The following Notification issued by the Government of India in Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, issued under S.O 1988(E) is hereby republished as follows for general information.**

#### MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 4th August, 2014

**S.O. 1988(E).** —Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959).

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959) and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs vide number S.O. 667(E), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of the persons specified in column (2) of the Schedule hereto annexed, in respect of the arms of the category of description specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof, when carried or possessed for their own personal use for the purpose of training or use in competitions, from the operations of the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 3 and clause (a) (i) of sub-section (1) of section 9 of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are specified in the corresponding entries in column (4) of the said Schedule, namely:—

#### 2. Definitions .-

For the purposes of this notification -

- (a) "International Championship" means the Asian Games, the Asian Shooting Championship, the Asian Women or Asian Junior Shooting Championship, the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Shooting Championships, the Olympic Games, the World Junior or Senior Shooting Championships and the World Cups in Senior as well Junior events;
- (b) "International Medalist" means a person who has won an individual or team medal in an International Championship;

- (c) "Renowned Shooter" means a person who has participated in a National Shooting Championship in an Open Men's Event or Open Women's Event or Open Civilian's Event whether through Qualifying Tournament or Wild Card Entry conducted in accordance with the rules of International Shooting Union and has attained the Minimum Qualifying Score specified by the National Rifle Association.
- (d) "Junior Target Shooter" means a person who has completed the age of twelve years but is below the age of twenty one years and has taken part in at least one State Championship (held once a year) or in the Zonal Championship or National Level Shooting Competition recognised by National Rifle Association and/or by respective State Rifle Association;
- (e) "Aspiring Shooter" means a person who has taken part in at least one State Championship (held once a year) or in the Zonal Championship or National Level Shooting Competition recognised by National Rifle Association and/or by respective State Rifle Association and attained the Minimum Qualifying Score specified by the National Rifle Association of India.

3. **Certifying bodies:-**

- a) the certifying body for persons specified at serial number (1) of the Schedule shall be the Government of India in the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The certificate shall state that the award was conferred for excellence as a shooter.
- b) the certifying body for the persons specified at serial number (2) of the Schedule shall be the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). The certificate shall state that the Medal has been won by the International Medalists in the International Championships and in case of Renowned Shooters the Merit Certificate shall mention the Qualifying Score along with the Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) for the event as specified by NRAI.
- c) the certifying bodies for the persons specified at serial numbers 3 and 4 of the Schedule shall be the National Rifle Association of India or the approved or affiliated State Rifle Association(s) of NRAI. The Certificate issued shall mention the Qualifying Score along with the Minimum Qualifying Score for the event as specified by NRAI or the State Rifle Association.
- d) the certifying body for the entities mentioned at serial number 5 of the Schedule shall be as under:-

Entity	Certifying Body
Shooting Clubs / District Rifle Associations affiliated with State Rifle Associations or National Rifle Association of India	State Rifle Association or National Rifle Association of India
State Rifle Association	National Rifle Association of India
National Rifle Association	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Shooting Ranges	Sports Authority of India / Sports Authority of the State Government / National Rifle Association of India

4. **Other conditions of exemption:-**

The exemption hereby granted under this notification shall further be subject to the following conditions, namely:-

- (a) The Junior Target Shooter claiming exemption under the notification has completed the age of twelve years.
- (b) Area Validity of the licenses issued to the persons mentioned at Serial numbers 1 to 4 of the Schedule will be for All India and the issuing licensing authority shall be authorised to grant the same without referring it to the Central or the State Government for approval.
- (c) For exemptees at serial number 1 and serial number 2 of the Schedule, a weapon with spare or conversion barrels is to be treated as one weapon only at the time of endorsement on the licence and full details of the said weapon and such spare or conversion barrel shall be endorsed on the respective Arms Licence.

5. **Publication of details of eligible exemptees:-**

The database in respect of all eligible exemptees shall be put on the website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and/or that of the National Rifle Association of India for the purpose of cross verification by any licensing authority.

**SCHEDULE**  
**Exemptions related to possession of Arms**

Sr. No.	Persons or class of persons	Categories/descriptions of arms	Conditions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Arjuna Awardee	General exemption on the number of arms to be possessed provided that the Arjuna Award is conferred in shooting.	The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying body referred to in paragraph 3 of this notification.
2.	International Medalist/ Renowned Shooter	(i) Rifles in calibre .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR); (ii) Center fire Rifles with calibers up to 8mm including all calibers lower than 8mm; (iii) Pistol/ Revolvers of calibre up to and including 9 mm but excluding 9 mm parabellum(9x19mm); (iv) Shotguns of calibre up to 12 bore/gauge including all calibres lower than 12 bore/gauge.	(1) The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed <b>seven</b> in addition to the number of weapons he is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per the provisions of the Act, subject to an overall ceiling of <b>ten</b> weapons. (2) The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying body referred to in paragraph 3 of this notification. <b>Note:</b> (a) If a shooter is renowned in one event only, the maximum number of weapons he can possess shall be <b>seven</b> (i.e. <b>four</b> in the exempted category plus <b>three</b> weapons which he can possess as a normal citizen under sub-section 2 of Section 3 of the Act); (b) If a shooter is renowned in more than one event, the maximum number of weapons he can possess shall be <b>ten</b> (i.e. <b>seven</b> in the exempted category plus <b>three</b> weapons which he can possess as a normal citizen under sub-section 2 of Section 3 of the Act).
3.	Junior Target Shooter	Type of arms used in the event in which the person is a Junior Target Shooter.	(1) The exemption is restricted to one weapon of any category in which the person is a Junior Target Shooter. (2) The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying body referred to in paragraph 3 of this Notification.
4.	Aspiring Shooter	Type of arms used in the event in which the person is an Aspiring Shooter.	(1) The exemption is restricted to one weapon of any category in which the person is an Aspiring Shooter. (2) The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying body referred to in paragraph 3 of this notification.

5.	National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) / Affiliated State Rifle Association(s) with NRAI / District Rifle Association(s) affiliated with State Rifle Association(s) / All shooting Clubs affiliated with the State Rifle association or NRAI / All Shooting Ranges under the Sports Authority of India or the Sports Authority of the State Governments.	(i) Rifles in calibre .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR); (ii) Center fire Rifles with calibers up to 8mm including all calibers lower than 8mm; (iii) Pistol/ Revolvers of calibre up to and including 9 mm but excluding 9 mm parabellum (9x19 mm); (iv) Shotguns of caliber up to 12 bore/gauge including all calibers lower than 12 bore/gauge.	(1) No upper limit on the number of Arms, subject to the discretion of the licensing authority based on the recommendations of the certifying body. (2) The entity must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying body referred to in paragraph 3 of this notification.
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